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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

INTERIOR OFFICIAL DEFENDS ACCOUNTING FOR TRIBAL LAND

By The Associated Press, Billings Gazette (10/11/07)

WASHINGTON - The Interior Department is doing all it can to account for billions of dollars owed to American Indian landholders, a department official told a federal court Wednesday in legal arguments over the Indians' 11-year-old lawsuit against the government.

The suit claims the government has mismanaged more than \$100 billion in oil, gas, timber and other royalties held in trust from their lands dating to 1887.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK, SPEAKERS PRESENTED BY INDIAN HEALTH

By BECKY SHAY, The Billings Gazette (10/11/07)



CASEY RIFFE/Gazette Staff
Debbie Russell, left, Gaynell Real Bird, center, and Donna Howe walk at the front of a group of walkers as Indian Health Services sponsored a walk for domestic violence awareness Wednesday in Crow Agency.

CROW AGENCY - Kristi Old Coyote stood in the sunshine Wednesday and talked about the days of her life when she thought sadness would never end.

Old Coyote was the featured speaker during Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day. Old Coyote said there were countless tears, shelters and prayers for her safety, before she came to the point where she can share hope with other women.

PROPOSED REFERENDUM VOTE FOR HOLIDAY ALCOHOL BAN

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (10/10/07)

Representatives of the Blackfeet CHR program said they were very pleased to learn the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council resolved Sept. 11 to prepare a referendum vote that will decide whether or not the Tribe will allow the sale of alcohol during "cultural celebrations."

According to the resolution, the Tribal Council resolution was based on an earlier survey carried out by the CHR program, polling members for their opinion of a resolution last summer that allowed alcohol sales during North American Indian Days and the Heart Butte Society Celebration.

EPA's \$300,000 GRANT TO BLACKFEET AIMED AT CLEANING UP, IMPROVING WILLOW CREEK

Glacier Reporter (10/10/07)

The Blackfeet Tribe was awarded a non-point source competitive grant in the amount of \$300,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to improve and maintain water quality at Willow Creek.



The project site will start at the fence by the Sleeping Wolf Campground, follow Willow Creek to the east through the Indian Days Campground downstream to

All Chiefs Park, and then to the East Boundary 464 bridge.

The project will include removing four wheeler crossings and replacing them with footbridges. The project also includes removing an exposed city sewer line and relocating the line away from Willow Creek. We will stabilize and restore crossings by planting native trees, shrubs and grasses. The project will also include fencing both sides of Willow Creek and All Chiefs Park. If you are a landowner living adjacent to Willow Creek within the project site, and or if you're just interested in being part of the project, please contact the Blackfeet Environmental Office at 338-7421 or 7422.

BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL SIGNS THE PROCLAMATION FOR LIFE

Glacier Reporter (10/10/07)

The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council accepted and signed the Proclamation for Life proposed by the Suicide Prevention Workforce composed of representatives from Planting Seeds of Hope, Browning Public Schools, Crystal Creek Lodge Treatment Center and the Center for Mental Health. The workforce presented a power point program to the Council Oct. 8 about the need for a comprehensive suicide prevention plan on the Blackfeet Reservation. The Proclamation for Life was read to the Council by Marcella Green and signed by all of the Council members present. Members of the community attending the meeting were invited to sign and affirm their commitment to the Proclamation. It will also be available at many community gatherings to be read and signed by the members Blackfeet Reservation.

The Proclamation for Life reads, "We, the Leaders of the Blackfeet Community have come together as a Nation to combat the epidemic of youth suicide.

"We are a proud people, who value life, hold our children sacred and honor our relationships with each other.

"We have survived devastating losses throughout our history but have overcome these adversities and have a strong will to unite.

"Therefore, we now come together to proclaim and affirm the value of life for all of the people of the Blackfeet Nation."

For more information, please contact Lester Johnson 338-7808, Kathy Puceta 338-2516, Marcella Green 338-6330 and Tammy Reagan 338-2841.

MORE THAN 700 GATHER AT NATIONAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD EVENT

PORTLAND, Ore. - If information is power, then the 700 or more tribal representatives who attended the 24th annual National Indian Health Board Consumer Conference, held Sept. 24 - 28 in Portland, went home better informed and armed with more ways to deal with substance abuse.

This year's conference was titled "HOPE for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery in Indian Country."

Conference workshops included "Reducing Methamphetamine Use and Related Effects," "Methamphetamine Abuse and Community Solutions," "Lingering Effects of Methamphetamine Labs in Homes" and "Using Housing Regulations to Protect Native Communities from Methamphetamine Use and Production." A workshop on drug-free communities grants was also held.

GATHERING LOOKS AT INDIAN HEALTH

By MATT HAGENGRUBER, Billings Gazette (10/06/07)

If American Indian society is highly matriarchal, it's good for the women to be plenty healthy. Yet Indian women face heart disease, cancer and diabetes at higher rates than other groups in America and often don't receive enough treatment.

That was the message Friday at the fifth annual American Indian Women's Health Conference at St. Vincent Healthcare. Keynote speaker Clayton Small, a Northern Cheyenne who lives in Albuquerque, N.M., said the health of people in Indian Country depends on the women.

JOB VACANCIES:

JOB OPENINGS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Director of Bands/Trumpet: Assistant Professor, tenure track beginning August 2008. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Doctorate or Masters with equivalent experience required. Demonstrated teaching and conducting excellence at collegiate level with ensembles and studio trumpet. Demonstrated leadership and organizational skills for band program, recruiting, and outreach. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, official transcripts, video/DVD of recent performances or rehearsals, and at least three **current** letters of recommendation postmarked by December 7, 2007 to Robert LedBetter, Chair, DOB Search Committee, Department of Music, The University of Montana, Missoula MT 59812. Phone 406-243-6880. www.umt.edu/hrs for full position announcement. AA/EOE

Two tenure-track professors, The University of Montana, School of Social Work, open rank (depending on qualifications), to commence Fall 2008. Min. Reqs: MSW and doctorate in Social Work or related area (ABD considered); two years post-MSW practice experience; evidence of research and scholarly productivity; interest in meeting needs of rural and developing communities; ability to teach in two or more curricular areas at both BSW and MSW level.

Applications should include a letter addressing the criteria, a vita, and three letters of reference. Salary competitive. Screening of applications begins immediately; search open until positions are filled. All materials should be mailed to Professor Janet Finn, Acting Chair, School of Social Work, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. For full position announcement and program description see our website at: www.health.umt.edu/sw. For further information contact Professor Ryan Tolleson Knee at ryan.tollesonknee@umontana.edu. EEO/AA.

The University of Montana seeks **MOVEMENT/ACTING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** to teach full range of physical performance/acting classes in BFA and MFA programs. Tenure-track position. Specialty in movement training (fundamental to advanced, including period styles). Evidence of excellence in teaching. Ability to direct, act, and/or choreograph for theatre. Advise students; serve on committees. MFA in theatre required. Possible additional responsibilities include serving as Head of Acting/Directing division; leading in curriculum development. Begin August 20, 2008. Salary \$43,000-\$45,000.

Review begins December 1; continues until filled. Send letter of application; CV; three letters of recommendation (including one from supervisor); official transcript for terminal degree. To: Chair, Movement/Acting Search Committee, Drama/Dance, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference. Full position description at www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html

The University of Montana seeks **VOICE/SPEECH/ACTING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR** to teach full range of voice, speech, dialect, IPA and acting classes in BFA and MFA programs. Tenure-track position. Evidence of excellence in teaching. Ability to direct and/or act in variety of styles/genres. Advise students; serve on committees. MFA in theatre required. Possible additional responsibilities include serving as Head of Acting/Directing division; leading in curriculum development. Begin August 20, 2008. Salary \$43,000-\$45,000. Review begins December 1; continues until position is filled. Send letter of application; CV; three letters of recommendation (including one from supervisor); official transcript for terminal degree. To: Chair, Voice/Speech Search Committee, Drama/Dance, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference. Full position description at www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html

JOB OPENINGS WITH THE DEPT. OF COMMERCE

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST (CONTRACT MANAGER) 66468, Helena; DIVISION: Housing; PAY BAND: 5 STATUS: Full Time, Permanent; JOB CODE: 131915; SUPPLEMENT: Yes; ANNUAL SALARY: \$28,139 - \$35,174. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees).

Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. **Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of October 23, 2007, 5 pm.**

The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS- MODEL TRIBAL PROBATE CODE, GUIDANCE FOR SUBMISSION OF TRIBAL PROBATE CODES UNDER 25 U.S.C. SECTION 2205

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is announcing the availability of a Model Tribal Probate Code with comments entitled "Model Tribal Probate Code." BIA issues notices to inform tribes, Indians, and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and related decisions, and these notices serve to provide guidance to tribes and BIA personnel. This notice provides guidance to tribes considering the creation and adoption of a Tribal Probate Code containing provisions applicable to trust and restricted property and includes a copy of the "Model Probate Code with Comments."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eufrona Snyder, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mailstop 4620-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; telephone number: (202) 208-2549.

GRANT AIDS RESERVATION TEACHERS

By BETSY COHEN, Missoulia (10/8/07)

MISSOULA - Adding technology and building libraries might help Montana's rural schools provide a better education for their students, but improving K-12 education in the state's smallest and poorest schools also rests in the hands of passionate, qualified teachers who want to live and work in rural Montana...

The federal agency recently awarded a three-year, \$3 million grant to professors Jan La Bonty and Marian McKenna to help boost the quality of teacher education in Montana's reservation schools..."People who come from reservations are more likely to succeed teaching on reservations," La Bonty said. "And we really want to support that. "These are isolated rural communities. People on the reservations have said that they do get qualified teachers, but those teachers haven't lived in rural places before and leave, so there is a lot of turnover at these schools," she said. "Geography enters into this big time in terms of what a teacher can handle. We want to help change those patterns of school failure by supporting and encouraging the people who don't have a romanticized notion of small-town life or what it is like living on the reservation." The grant aims to recruit and solicit students who are attending tribal colleges and are interested in transferring to UM to get a four-year education degree, as well as people who are working on reservations as teacher aides or as other paraprofessionals, but don't have the money to pursue a four-year degree. The grant also funds five UM student teachers who are interested in a one-semester scholarship that would help pay for a semester of teaching on a reservation. Another aspect of the grant will focus on helping to fulfill the state's constitutionally required Indian Education for All Act. The goal is to design a pilot curriculum, with advice and collaboration of Missoula-area reservation teachers, members of the community and the grant's advisory board of tribal members, La Bonty said.

Missoula-area reservation teachers will also mentor students in the project. Everyone in the program, including the students, will stay linked through technology called Vision Net, which the grant will provide. It will allow program participants in different towns to talk in real time. About 85 percent of the grant will help students pay for UM tuition and books, La Bonty said, and she expects the grant will benefit about 55 students. The maximum amount students will receive is \$5,000 per semester, which will only last as long as the three-year grant. "One of our big goals is to have a model for the program and more ideas in place after the grant is over," La Bonty said.